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Renville County Parks and EDA Partner to Host Parks Outdoor Education Day for Students

The Renville County Parks and EDA Departments, along with an Education Day Planning Committee, hosted the second annual Renville County Parks Outdoor Education Day on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Birch Coulee County Park.

"The goal of this event is to expose students to the County Parks and outdoor activities available locally, while educating them on a variety of environmental and safety topics in a fun setting." shared Jesse Diehn, Renville County Parks Manager. ***"Like our volunteer t-shirts said, not all classrooms have four walls!"***

"Our committee reached out to all school districts in the County to see if they would have an interest in participating and were happy that it worked for four schools to join us this year." stated Stefanie Ryan, Renville County Communications and Grants Coordinator. ***"We had approximately 190 students, teachers, and chaperones from Buffalo Lake - Hector - Stewart, Gibbon - Fairfax - Winthrop, Prairie Lutheran, Renville County West as well as local home-schooled students attend!"***



Above: Holly Hatlewick, Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator, taught students about Renville County wildlife.

The Education Day Planning Committee consisted of representatives from several Renville County departments and organizations, each of whom hosted an educational booth. Students were divided into nine groups and rotated through the educational booths learning about a variety of topics. Students enjoyed lunch and time exploring the park before they headed back to school.

Parks Outdoor Education Day

The Education Day Planning Committee would like to thank those who donated their time and resources to make this event possible. Thank you to Revier Cattle Company for use of their grill, to Bernick's Pepsi for donating cases of water, the Sheriff's Office for use of their enclosed trailer, and to SHIP for providing fresh fruits and vegetables for lunch. The committee is planning to host this event again next year with the goal of having all Renville County school districts participate if they are able.

THIS YEAR'S TOPICS AND PRESENTERS INCLUDED:

- **Geocaching**, Renville County Public Health/Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP)
- **Drone Demonstration**, Renville County Public Works
- **Boating/ATV Safety and Aquatic Invasive Species**, Renville County Sheriff's Office and Environmental Services
- **Renville County Wildlife/Animal Furs**, Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District
- **Stream Table**, Hawk Creek Watershed Project
- **The Real Cost of Vaping**, RAPAD Coalition
- **Pollinators**, Renville County Master Gardeners
- **Recycling**, West Central Sanitation



Above: Austin Hilbrands, Renville County Public Works Drainage Technician, gave a demonstration and taught students how he uses a drone on the job.



Above: Brittany Schmalz and Jeff Filipek, Kandiyohi-Renville County Statewide Health Improvement Partnership Coordinators, introduced a group of RCW students to geocaching, which is a type of global treasure hunt for people looking for caches, or hidden stashes of objects.

Sign Up For Automatic, No-Fee Payment of Your Property Taxes

Renville County has made available a fast, convenient, hassle-free way to pay for property taxes with the Direct Payment of Property Tax Plan. With this convenient program, you can have your property tax payment automatically deducted from your checking or savings account at your financial institution on a semi-annual basis.



THE DIRECT PAYMENT PLAN WILL HELP YOU:

- Save time writing and mailing checks.
- Save money in postage and bank fees.
- Eliminate the worry of late payments or lost checks associated with penalties.
- Be assured your tax payment is always made on time.

HOW DOES THE DIRECT PAYMENT PLAN WORK?

You authorize payments to be made from your checking or savings account according to the following schedule:

- May 15: First half of the annual tax payment
- October 15 (non-ag parcels): Second half of the annual tax payment
- November 15 (ag parcels): Second half of the annual tax payment

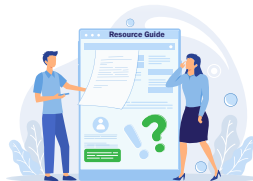
Proof of payment will appear on your bank statement. Registering will give Renville County authority to charge your account and will remain in effect until **YOU** notify us **in writing** to terminate the authorization.

Take advantage of this service by completing the authorization form and returning it to us by the following dates:

- April 15: For first half taxes payable May 15
- September 15: For second half taxes payable October 15/November 15

The Direct Payment of Property Tax Plan form can be found at www.renvillecountymn.com on the Auditor/Treasurer department page under the "Property Taxes" tab.

Contact the Auditor/Treasurer Office at 320-523-2071 for more information.



Renville County Resource Guide Available Online

The Renville County Resource Guide provides quick access to information about programs and services available throughout the County. Find your guide online today at www.renvillecountymn.com. Click on "Community Resource Guide for Renville County" under the "Services" tab. Call Public Health at 320-523-2570 for a printed copy.

Blight Removal Grant Applications Due September 15, 2023

The goal of the Renville County Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Economic Development Authority (HRA/EDA) Blight Removal Program is to partner with public and private property owners to remove blighted structures and encourage reinvestment in the property. The objective of the program is for the HRA/EDA to provide financial help to remove and remediate blighted property in Renville County.

Grants of up to \$5,000 (residential) or \$10,000 (commercial) are available to assist with the proper cleanup of blighted structures that pose a risk to health and safety. Grants require a 1:1 cash match and are reimbursed upon submission of paid receipts for costs incurred.

Applications for the next round of blight removal grants are due September 15, 2023.

Applications can be submitted any time via email to admin@radc.org, or mailed to the Renville County HRA at 200 S. Mill Street, PO Box 481 Redwood Falls, MN 56283, or placed in the drop box located in the main entrance of the Government Services Center in Olivia (entrance with the flags).



For a full listing of grant rules, guidelines, and an application, please visit www.renville.com or email admin@radc.org. Contact the Renville County HRA at 507-637-4004 with any questions related to the Blight Removal Program.

The Brown, Lyon, Redwood, Renville County Drug Task Force Welcomes Tips on Persons or Networks That Are Selling Drugs

The Renville County Sheriff's Office has a partnership with the Brown, Lyon, and Redwood County Sheriff's Offices for the investigation of narcotics-related offenses. This team of narcotics agents has specialized training and handles a wide variety of illegal drug activity, from the street level dealer to large-scale drug trafficking organizations.

Like most other types of crime, usually neighbors and other residents recognize suspicious activity or behavior before law enforcement agencies do. The Drug Task Force welcomes tips on persons or networks that are selling drugs.

NEIGHBORS MIGHT NOTICE THINGS SUCH AS:

- Heavy Traffic
- Lack of Familiarity
- Odd Vehicle Behavior
- Cameras
- Windows Covered

If you have information about drugs or drug dealers, or want to report suspicious activity that you think might be related to drug activity, please don't hesitate to report it! *You may remain anonymous in all cases.*

TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY YOU MAY:

- Call Dispatch at 320-523-1161 and ask to speak with a deputy or drug task force agent
- Call the toll-free Renville County Crime Stoppers Tip Line at (800) 720-3790
- Submit a tip at www.renvillecountymn.gov/sheriff/public_awareness/on-line_submittal_form.php

**2023
RENVILLE COUNTY
FARMER'S MARKETS**

Buy Fresh! Buy Local!

Bird Island • Wednesday 4pm-7pm
Opening May 31
Bird Island Cultural Centre
Coordinators: Rosemary 320-365-1011 & Leta 320-579-1412

Buffalo Lake • Saturday 8am-12pm
Opening June 3
Hwy 212 Wayside Rest in City Park
Coordinator: Tracie 320-296-6292

Fairfax • Tuesday 4pm
TBD
1st Street SE (Downtown off Hwy 19)
Coordinator: Lori 507-276-5044

Olivia • Thursday 1:30pm-5:30pm
Opening July 13
City Parking Lot (9th St. So & Fairview Ave.)
Coordinator: Cathy 320-522-1043
Olivia 3rd Thursday events in conjunction with the market on July 20, August 17 and September 21

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Sustainable Investment Partnership

Renville COUNTY
HRA/EDA

Reminding Residents of the Three R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



In the late 1980s, the State of Minnesota gathered citizens together from all sectors to brainstorm ideas and plan for future changes related to the environment, population growth, and economic growth as well as how to address the projected increase in solid waste disposal and shortages in landfill space.

From these meetings, a legislative declaration of policies, rules, definitions, purposes, priorities, goals, and enforcement of said laws was crafted. This document is called the State of Minnesota Waste Management Act. Soon after the Waste Management Act came into law, a separate committee, the Select Committee on Recycling and Environment (SCORE), was established to identify a solid waste hierarchy of priority.

THE SOLID WASTE HIERARCHY FROM HIGHEST TO LOWEST PRIORITY IS:

- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (The Three R's)
- Organics Recycling (Composting)
- Waste to Energy
- Landfilling with Methane Gas Recovery
- Landfilling

This original priority ranking from the 80s is still the same ranking today with “Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle” remaining at the top of the list. **For many years, state and local governments have focused mostly on recycling; often overlooking the other two higher priorities of reduce and reuse.** We continue to see a slow decline in recycling and a rate of increase in the disposal of solid waste (garbage). With recycling rates slowing and garbage tonnages growing, now is the time to re-think the way we shop so we can make a greater impact on both our planet's resources and our wallets.

- **Priority 1: Reduce** your everyday use of items and things that lead to waste.
- **Priority 2: Reuse** anything you were going to throw or recycle, when able.
- **Priority 3: Recycle.** This R is left for anything that can't be reduced or reused, which includes glass, aluminum tins, cardboard, and some types of plastic.

HOW CAN YOU REDUCE AND/OR REUSE YOUR HOME/BUSINESS WASTE?

- Purchase less! Do you need that item or simply want it?
- Choose durability over cost.
- Shop with reusable shopping bags. They are inexpensive and can easily be stored in a vehicle.
- Purchase in bulk (if feasible) and avoid single-serve items.
- Avoid disposable items such as: water/pop bottles, coffee cups, etc. Choose sustainability.
- Reduce food waste by having a meal-size and serving-size plan. Freeze leftovers and highlight expiration dates before storing your perishable and nonperishable goods.
- Share or donate nonperishable items to a local food shelf if your expiration dates are approaching the end.
- Use Facebook Marketplace, donate items to a local thrift store, or host a garage sale instead of landfilling your goods. One person's junk is another's treasure.
- Use County/city programs to dispose of outdated or unusable materials such as: fluorescent bulbs, household hazardous waste (paints, stains, varnishes, etc.), electronics and appliances, Christmas lights, recyclables, confidential shredding services, etc.
- Contact companies and ask them to remove your name from their mailing list (magazines, newsletters, etc.). Reuse partially used paper for a scratch pad, or go all out and go paperless.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

1. Go to the app store, search QR code reader, download app, and scan code
2. Visit www.renvillecountymn.com and click on the RRRSWA/Solid Waste link under the Departments tab
3. Call 320-523-8002 or 507-637-1800
4. Follow our Facebook page “Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority”



Presented by the Renville County EDA

Renville County EDA Hosts Monthly Lunch & Learns

Lunch and Learns are **FREE** to attend!

WHEN:

Noon - 1:00pm
2nd Wednesday each month

WHERE: VIRTUALLY!

Visit www.renville.com and select EDA Lunch & Learns for virtual attendance link





2023 Dates:

August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

Apply for Benefits Easily Online

Finish an application in 20 minutes or less. Already applied? Submit documents to your county.

STEPS FOR APPLYING

- 1  **Apply once**
- 2  **Upload your documents**
- 3  **Allow time for review**
- 4  **Complete an interview**

- Go to the App Store
- Search QR Code Reader
- Download App and Scan to Apply



mnbenefits.mn.gov/

APPLY TO THESE PROGRAMS

Food Assistance (SNAP)

SNAP helps Minnesotans get the food they need. You'll get an EBT card that you can use like a debit card to buy groceries at most stores and farmer's markets.

Cash Programs

Cash assistance helps people meet their basic needs until they are able to support themselves. You will get an EBT card that you can use like a debit card.

Here are the most common cash programs:

- Diversionary Work Program (DWP)
- General Assistance (GA)
- MN Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- MN Supplemental Aid (MSA)
- Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)



Emergency Assistance

Emergency Assistance helps with shelter payments, such as past due rent, to stop evictions or foreclosure. It can also be used for utilities when there is a threat of disconnection.

Housing Support (GRH)

Housing Support used to be called Group Residential Housing. The program helps seniors and adults with disabilities pay for housing costs. It helps prevent people from living in institutions or becoming homeless.

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance helps families pay for child care so that parents can pursue employment or education.

Questions? Call Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202.

AgBMP Loan Program Funds Available

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's AgBMP Loan Program provides loans up to \$200,000 with a 3% interest rate for a max of 10 years. The frequency and number of payments are flexible and are negotiated with the lender. This funding is available to farmers, rural landowners, or farm supply businesses. It must be used for projects that protect or improve water quality.

Renville County has AgBMP funding available to its residents. Some examples of what AgBMP loans can be used for include: conservation tillage equipment, erosion control, feedlot improvements, or other projects or equipment that improve water quality. **If you are interested in learning more about the AgBMP program, contact the Renville County Environmental Services office at 320-523-3768 or visit www.mda.state.mn.us/agbmploan.**



Low-Interest Loan Programs for Well and Septic Improvements

Renville County administers low-interest loan programs to assist property owners with upgrading or replacing a failing septic system and/or for repairing or replacing a damaged or contaminated well. Loan terms are for 10 years with an interest rate of 3%. This loan amount is added to property taxes as a special assessment with payment due twice a year along with property taxes.



A full listing of guidelines is available at www.renvillecountymn.com on the Environmental Services Department page or by contacting Environmental Services at 320-523-3768 or ES@renvillecountymn.com

Renville County to Receive Funding from National Opioid Settlement

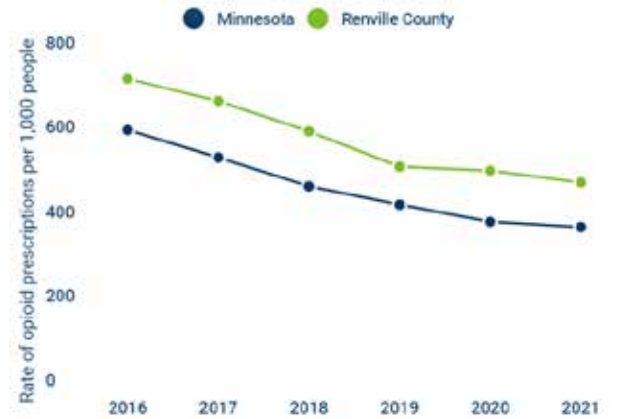
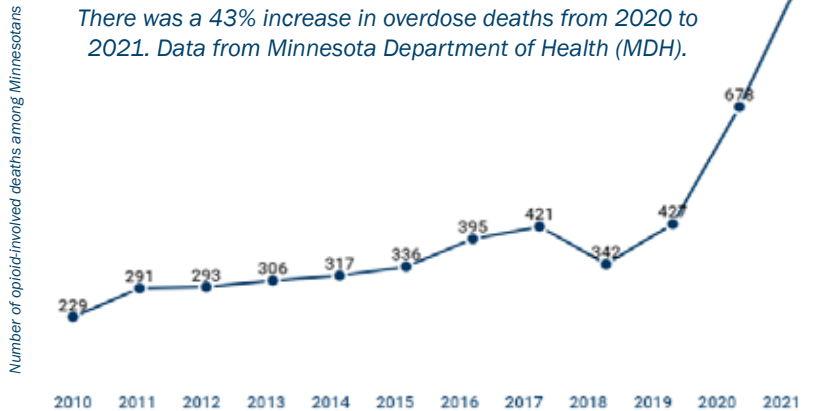
- A Message from Renville County Public Health



The opioid epidemic continues to impact millions of American lives, and Renville County is not immune from its effects. According to the National Institute of Health, 80,411 people died from opioid-involved overdoses in 2021 in the United States, which is a 17% increase in deaths from 2020.* With opioid overdoses continuing to trend upwards, it is important to understand what the country, state, and counties are dealing with.

Number of opioid-involved deaths among Minnesotans from 2010 - 2021.

There was a 43% increase in overdose deaths from 2020 to 2021. Data from Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).



Renville County has a higher prescription rate for opioids than the State of Minnesota. Data from MDH.

WHAT IS AN OPIOID?



Naturally found in the opium poppy plant, opioids have been used as a pain reliever for centuries.

An opioid is a type of medication that is commonly used to treat mild to severe pain, such as post-surgery or chronic pain. Opioids have been used as a pain reliever for centuries. Medications such as morphine and codeine are derived from the opium poppy plant. Other medications used today are manufactured in a lab, like fentanyl. Common effects of opioids include inability to feel pain, drowsiness, decreased respiratory drive, dry mouth, and sedation.

WHAT MAKES OPIOIDS SO ADDICTIVE?

Opioids are incredible pain killers because they mimic endorphins, the body's natural pain killer. The reason opioids can be dangerous is that they also release dopamine in the brain. Dopamine is a neurotransmitter that causes feelings of extreme happiness. When individuals misuse opioids by taking someone else's prescribed medication, or taking it with the intention of experiencing a high, overdoses can happen because opioids cause depression (slowing down) of the respiratory system. This means that the blood is not getting oxygenated, and the body shuts down. Although opioids can be very effective at treating pain, prolonged opioid abuse can lead to addiction.

WHY IS THIS A PROBLEM?

According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse, the most common source of obtaining opioids was through prescribed medication. One reason for this high number of opioid prescriptions is manipulative advertising from opioid manufacturers and distributors downplaying the addictive side effects. This has led to the national opioid settlement.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT?

The national opioid settlement is the result of lawsuits across the United States against opioid manufacturing companies and distributors. The companies involved are ones who profited while the rest of the country was struggling with the impact of the opioid epidemic. More than 3,000 state and local governments filed lawsuits against opioid makers and distributors. Attorneys general joined together to sue all related parties to the epidemic, as well as advocate for changing legislation on the state and federal level to help put an end to the opioid epidemic.

In July 2021, an initial settlement was made with four major opioid manufacturers and distributors (*Johnson & Johnson, Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson*). They were ordered to pay \$26 billion of settlement money to be distributed among the 46 states involved in the settlement. As a state, Minnesota has been allocated more than \$300 million to be received over the next 18 years. An additional \$20.4 billion settlement was made in December 2022 with opioid manufacturers Teva Pharmaceuticals and Allergan, as well as Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens pharmacy chains, that could provide Minnesota with another \$235 million.

* nida.nih.gov/research-topics/trends-statistics/overdose-death-rates

HOW WILL MINNESOTA UTILIZE THIS MONEY?

Each participating state has the flexibility to decide how to distribute its portion of the settlement money. Minnesota has chosen to distribute the money to all 87 counties plus major cities. Renville County will receive more than \$1 million over the next 18 years.

Money must be spent within the following categories:

- Prevention
- Harm Reduction
- Law Enforcement
- Treatment and Recovery

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS FOR RENVILLE COUNTY?

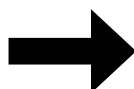
It is time to identify where Renville County's opioid settlement dollars can be most beneficial, and feedback from the public is needed. Which area do you see as most important? What programs already exist there? Is there a way funds can be spent to improve existing programs?

Please share your unique perspective by taking the Opioid Settlement Survey. Taking into consideration perspectives of all residents will help inform public health officials on Renville County's unique priorities to combat and recover from this opioid epidemic.



OPIOID SETTLEMENT SURVEY

- Go to the App Store
- Search QR Code Reader
- Download App and Scan to take Survey



Or take the survey at this website link:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/SW2GV8P

Or contact Public Health at 320-523-2570 if you wish to have a paper copy of the survey mailed for you to complete. **SURVEY CLOSING AUGUST 31.**

PREVENTION

- School education programs
- Community-wide education programs
- Training for health professionals to screen for abuse
- Scholarships for continuing education

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Public education relating to drug disposal
- Drug take-back disposal or destruction programs
- Expanded research on swift/certain/fair models to reduce and deter opioid misuse within criminal justice populations

HARM REDUCTION

- Access to naloxone, a medication used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose
- Education on how to use naloxone
- Fentanyl test strips available for at-home use

TREATMENT AND RECOVERY

- Create robust recovery programming
- Develop and support best practices on addressing opioid use disorder in the workplace

WHERE CAN I FIND HELP NOW?

If you or someone you know is struggling with an opioid or other type of addiction, do not hesitate to reach out for help:

- Project Turnabout: 1-800-862-1453 or www.projectturnabout.org
- Woodland Centers Crisis Line: 1-800-432-8781 or www.woodlandcenters.com
- Woodland Centers Olivia Line: 320-523-5526
- New Beginnings: 1-855-745-0260 or www.nbminnesota.com

FOR IMMEDIATE HELP:

- Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Call 988
- Crisis Text Line: Text 'MN' to 741741

LEARN MORE ABOUT OPIOIDS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE



Minnesota Department of Health Opioid Dashboard

www.health.state.mn.us/communities/opioids/opioid-dashboard/index.html



National Opioids Crisis: Help and Resources

www.hhs.gov/opioids/index.html



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Resources

fasttrackermn.org/

What Healthy Soil Does for Food

- A Message from Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District

During the 2022 growing season, the Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) completed plant trials to determine the nutrient density in produce grown in different farmed soils. The goal of these trials was to see the nutritional differences in tomatoes and sugar snap peas grown in conventionally farmed soil versus produce grown in regenerative farmed soil. The results were astonishing.

Table 1 shows the different nutrients and minerals that were tested in the two different tomato samples and the percent change in the samples. The biggest differences we noticed were the caloric increase and the protein increase in the tomatoes grown in regenerative farmed soil. **Table 2** shows the data seen from the sugar snap pea plants. The biggest differences seen in the pea samples were iron availability and the increase in protein seen in the sugar snap peas grown in regenerative soil.

These results show that both tomatoes and sugar snap peas grown in regenerative soil provide more nutrients than those grown in conventional farmed soil. This is just a small sample size of what soil can do to your food, so the SWCD has decided to complete trials of produce more relatable to Renville County. This year, trials will be completed on tomatoes, black beans, navy beans, and peas, all crops grown in Renville County. We look forward to sharing our results with everyone next this winter.

To stay up-to-date with everything that's happening at the Renville County SWCD, visit our website at www.renvillecountyswcd.com.

FOLLOW THE SWCD ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

 Renville County SWCD
  renvilleswcd
  @Renville_SWCD
  @renvillecountyswcd5672

Table 1: Nutrient Differences in Tomatoes

Nutrition Facts	Conventional Farmed Soil (mg/kg)	Regenerative Farmed Soil (mg/kg)	Percent Change
Fat	0.19	0.27	34.78%
Fiber	2.09	1.82	-13.81%
Calories	37.35	46.03	20.82%
Carbs	8.17	9.28	12.72%
Iron	5.251	3.62	-36.77%
Manganese	0.783	1.17	39.63%
Zinc	1.428	2.74	62.96%
Potassium	0.33	0.38	14.08%
Protein	0.74	1.62	74.58%

Table 2: Nutrient Differences in Sugar Snap Peas

Nutrition Facts	Conventional Farmed Soil (mg/kg)	Regenerative Farmed Soil (mg/kg)	Percent Change
Fat	0.27	.26	3.77%
Fiber	5.12	3.96	-25.55%
Calories	59.39	61.38	3.30%
Carbs	11.68	10.73	8.48%
Iron	9.855	14.44	37.74%
Manganese	2.69	4	39.16%
Zinc	6	7.745	31.28%
Potassium	0.23	0.24	4.26%
Protein	2.56	4.03	44.61%

CALL TODAY!
We have cost-share money to help with the cost, design, and installation of projects that reduce erosion and improve water quality

Examples of projects:

WATER/SEDIMENT CONTROL BASINS

GRASS WATERWAYS

RETENTION PONDS

WETLAND RESTORATIONS AND MORE



GRADE/BANK/GULLY STABILIZATIONS


ALTERNATIVE INTAKES

AG WASTE

www.hawkcreekwatershed.org
320-523-3666

DO YOU OWN OR FARM LAND
that has erosion or water problems?
See maps below for locations eligible for cost-share. We can help.



www.hawkcreekwatershed.org
320-523-3666

Renville County Courthouse, Lower Level
500 E DePue Ave, Ste 104
Olivia, MN 56277

UPS Drop Box



A UPS drop box* has been installed in the main lobby of the Renville County Government Services Center (GSC) located at 105 - 5th Street South in Olivia. Pickup is scheduled for 3:30 PM Monday - Friday (excluding holidays). The main lobby of the GSC is open 24/7.

*Accepting all UPS shipments not exceeding 16 X 13 X 3 inches. It must fit and drop down into bin.

THE POISON HELP GUIDE TO EDIBLE MARIJUANA SAFETY

As of July 1, 2022, Minnesota legalized edible and consumable THC products.

BEWARE OF COPYCAT EDIBLES

Some edibles look like popular brands of snack food. These “copycat” edibles may have high levels of active marijuana. One study found an average Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content 4x the legal limit. THC is the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. The delayed effect, unpredictable strength, and similarity to snack food make an accidental edible overdose a common poison emergency.

HERE'S HOW TO PREVENT A POISON EMERGENCY IN YOUR HOME:



Store edibles up, away, and out of sight in childproof containers or cabinets



Keep them in their original packaging, clearly label as edibles, and away from candy, cookies and other similar foods or items



Do not eat marijuana edibles in front of children, and always return them to their out-of-reach location immediately after use.

Your body's response to edibles may be unpredictable including:

Time it takes to feel an effect
(30 minutes to 2+ hours)

Length of effect

Amount of active marijuana in the dose

Every second counts in a poison emergency.

- 1 Call 9-1-1 if the person is unconscious or has trouble breathing.
- 2 Call Poison Help (1-800-222-1222) to connect to your local poison center.
- 3 Stay calm - most poison emergencies can be resolved quickly.



Renville County HRA/EDA: Childcare Forgivable Loan Program

Do you know someone interested in starting a home childcare or childcare center in Renville County?

If you do, direct them to www.renville.com to learn more about the HRA/EDA's Childcare Forgivable Loan Program. Forgivable loans of \$5,000 for home-based and \$10,000 for childcare centers are now available!

Questions?

Call the Renville County EDA at 320-523-3656.



Restorative Justice



Restorative Justice is a fundamental change in approach when working to repair damages caused from crimes or wrongdoings within a community. This is not only a restorative philosophy but a way of life that emphasizes the need to restore the relationships harmed in these situations.

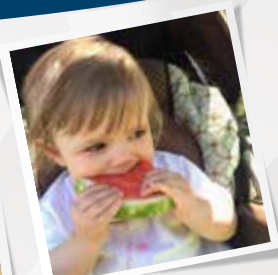
What is a Circle? The Circle process is an intentional way of gathering and organizing effective group communication, building relationships, establishing accountability, problem solving, and healthy decision making. As a group, members work with the family or individual to determine what they can do to repair the harm they have caused by the circumstances that brought them to Circle. While in Circle participants and volunteers discuss what is going well, what is not going well, and potential next steps to head in the right direction.

YOU can make a difference: Become a Restorative Justice Volunteer Today!

This is a great way to get involved with people in your community or the one down the road. **The need for connection, support, and mentoring continues to grow as evidenced by the times we are in.** With that comes the reality that the number of youth and families in need of extra support is certainly not declining. Your time and willingness to listen to someone's life story and share the lessons learned from your own can make a difference that neither one of you would have ever imagined possible.

Do you have two hours every other week to spare to participate in conversations and mentoring of folks that are awaiting your support? If this sparks something within you, please don't be afraid to reach out and ask more questions, or visit the Restorative Justice Department page at www.renvillecountymn.com.

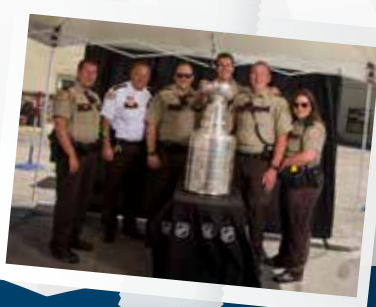
If you are interested in volunteering to support families in your community, please contact Andrew Peltz, Restorative Justice Coordinator, at AndrewP@renvillecountymn.com or 320-522-1573 for more information.



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2023 EVENTS

May 31 - October	Renville County Market, Cultural Centre, Bird Island (Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)	July 29	James H. Page Memorial CCD Run/Walk, Sunrise Park, Olivia
June - September	Buffalo Lake Farmer's Market, Buffalo Lake (Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - Noon)	August 1	Fairfax National Night Out, Fairfax
Mid June - September	Fairfax Farmer's Market, Fairfax (Tuesdays 4:00 p.m.)	August 1	Renville National Night Out, Renville
June 8 - 11	Sugar Beet Days, Renville (Parade: 6/10 at 3 pm)	August 4	Renville County Walk in the Park, Olivia
June 10	Big Cup Golf Tournament, Sons of the American Legion, Olivia	August 9 - 11	Renville County Fair, Bird Island
June 14	Flag Day, Fly Your Flag	August 12	Ride to Remember
June 15	Flag Disposal, American Legion, Olivia	August 13	Bechyn Czech Festival, Bechyn
June 14 - 18	Island Days, Bird Island (Parade: 6/17 at 3 pm)	August 30	Classic Car Roll-In, American Legion, Olivia
June 22 - 25	Dayz of Thunder, Fairfax (Parade: 6/25 at 1 pm)	September 9	Renville County Fire Department's Rib Cook-Off, American Legion, Olivia
June 24	Page's Community Golf Classic, Olivia Golf Club	September 11 - 17	HOB0 Days, Olivia
June 28	Classic Car Roll-In, American Legion, Olivia	September (TBD)	Hector Lion's Fly-In Pancake Breakfast, Municipal Airport, Hector
July - October	Olivia Farmer's Market, Olivia (Thursdays 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)	October 28	Spooktacular, Renville
July 4	Independence Day Celebration, Morton (Parade: TBD)	November 5	Turkey BINGO, American Legion, Olivia
July 5 - 9	Danube Fun Days, Danube (Parade: 7/8 at 2 pm)	November 10	Veterans Day Program, American Legion, Olivia
July 10 - 16	Corn Chaff Days, Hector (Parade: 7/15 at Noon)	November 17	Fire Department Steak Fry, Morton
July 12 - 16	Summerfest, Sacred Heart (Parade: 7/14 at 6 pm)	November (TBD)	Sacred Heart Santa Day, Sacred Heart
July 17 - 23	Buffalo Lake Days, Buffalo Lake (Parade: 7/22 at 1 pm)	December 1	Old Fashioned Christmas, Bird Island
July 21 - 23	Catfish Derby Days, Franklin (Parade: 7/23 at 1:30 pm)	December 2	Miracle on Main, Renville
July 24 - 30	Corn Capital Days, Olivia (Kiddie Parade: 7/29 at 1 pm / Parade at 3pm)	December 9	Fireman's Pancake Breakfast, Renville
July 29	Wogen Outdoor Adventure, Pond Park, Olivia	December 21	Christmas Caroling, American Legion, Olivia
July 30	Lions Fly-In Breakfast, Olivia		



Visit www.renville.com for the most up-to-date listing of community events.

Event dates are subject to change and events may be canceled.



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2023 COLLECTION EVENTS

TIRE COLLECTION

Location

SMBSC Bird Island Piling Site
85592 County Road 5
Bird Island, MN

Date/Time

Thursday,
July 13, 2023
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Use **SOUTH ENTRANCE** off Co. Rd. 11

Event held in partnership with the Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative (SMBSC) and West Central Sanitation.

TIRE COLLECTION IS FOR RENVILLE COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

(**NO** tires will be accepted from businesses and non-residents)

Tire collection rates are \$0.17 per pound.

Approximate charges (w/o rim) will be:

Car Tires: \$3.75

Truck Tires: \$18.70

Tractor/Heavy Equipment/Tracks: Will vary due to weight
Rubber defoliator flails also accepted

*Rim weight will be charged at an additional \$0.17 per pound.

Items such as garbage, appliances, and electronics will **NOT** be accepted during the tire collection.

CASH OR CHECK ONLY

****Renville County will charge an additional fee of \$100 per ton in specific situations, including but not limited to contamination. County representatives have the right to reject loads for any reason. ****

Electronic and Appliance Collection:

Will be held Wednesday, July 5 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
at the Renville County Fairgrounds in Bird Island.

(Use east end entrance.)

NO tires, garbage, or household hazardous waste (HHW) will be accepted during this collection event.

For additional collection dates, visit www.renvillecountymn.com and select "RRRSWA" on the Departments page.



PESTICIDE CONTAINER COLLECTION

Location

Renville County Landfill
32877 County RD 4
Olivia, MN 56277

Date/Time

Wednesday,
August 23, 2023
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Renville County will only accept 250 jugs or less without an appointment. Call 320-523-3759.

CHEMICAL CONTAINERS CAN, AND SHOULD, BE RETURNED TO RETAILERS FOR RECYCLING. (CONTACT YOUR RETAILER)

Follow these guidelines before bringing us your jugs:

Containers: Only rigid high-density polyethylene (HDPE) are accepted

Size: Small up to 55-gallon drums accepted

Clean: Triple rinse the jugs to remove all residue and allow to dry

Twine/Bags: (Optional) Jugs can be tied together with twine or bagged

Stains: Certain products discolor plastic and will be accepted provided no material can be smeared with a plastic glove

Label: Labels and booklets must be removed

Caps: Caps and foil seals must be removed

Unacceptable: Containers that do not meet these guidelines will be rejected

ACCEPTABLE



Container, thread, and lip are clean



Handle and neck stained but clean



Inside stained but rinsed clean



Inside is clean and dry

UNACCEPTABLE



Dried formulation on container



Dried formulation on thread



Bottom is caked with dried residue



Liquid residue in container

County Directory:	Phone:
Administration	320-523-3710
Assessor	320-523-3645
Attorney	320-523-2661
Auditor/Treasurer	320-523-2071
Court Administrator	320-523-3680
Court Services/Probation	320-400-0711
Economic Development Authority	320-523-3656
Emergency Management	320-523-3838
Environmental Services	320-523-3768
Extension (4-H)	320-523-3713
HRA (Housing Programs)	507-637-4004
Human Services	320-523-2202 or 800-363-2533
Landfill/Solid Waste	320-523-1144
License	320-523-3612
Parks	320-523-3747
Public Health Services	320-523-2570
Public Works	320-523-3759
Recorder	320-523-3669
RRRSWA / Solid Waste / Household Hazardous Waste	320-523-8002 or 507-637-1800
Restorative Justice	320-523-3871
Sheriff	320-523-1161
Veterans Services	320-523-3763

Looking for a Fulfilling Career?

COME WORK WITH US!

Renville County is hiring for a variety of positions! Current job openings can be found by selecting "Job" under the "How do I?" tab at www.renvillecountymn.com.

Questions?

Contact Lisa Neutgens
HR Coordinator
Phone: 320-523-3710
Email: employment@renvillecountymn.com

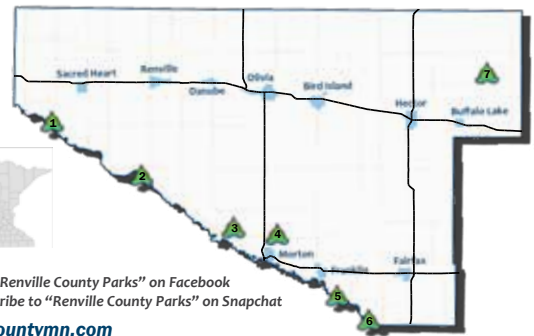


More than just
Camping

Want to go for a Ride?

Enjoy the trails at Beaver Falls and Skalbekken County Parks!
(Beaver Falls: 8.35 miles of trail | Skalbekken: 10.24 miles of trail)
Rustic camping is available. Call to make your reservations today!

- 1 - Skalbekken
- 2 - Vicksburg
- 3 - Beaver Falls
- 4 - Birch Coulee
- 5 - Anderson Lake
- 6 - Mack Lake
- 7 - Lake Allie



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CALL 320-523-3747 TO MAKE YOUR 2023 CAMPING RESERVATIONS!



Renville County Board of Commissioners:

Back (L to R):

David Hamre, District 5
Doug Erickson, District 3
Randy Kramer, District 1

Front (L to R):

John Robinson, District 2
Greg Snow, District 4

Courthouse
500 East DePue
Olivia, MN 56277

Government Services Center
105 South 5th Street
Olivia, MN 56277

Landfill
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Olivia, MN 56277

RRRSWA
907 West Bridge Street
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

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